

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. Claims 1-3, 6, 9-11, 15, 20, 21, 23, and 24 have been amended. Claims 25-29 are added herein. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks.

Claims 3-5, 10, 15-17, 19, 23, and 24 were objected to but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. All of these claims or the claims from which they depend have been rewritten in independent form. In addition, claims 6 and 9 have been amended to depend from claims indicated as allowable.

Independent claims 1 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by either Teong (U.S. Patent No. 5,693,563) or Blumenfeld (U.S. Patent No. 4,030,116). However, these claims have now been amended to include limitations nowhere suggested much less taught by any of the references of record, and that these new limitations clearly render these claims patently distinct from all of the references of record whether considered singly or in combination.

New claims 25-29 have been added to more fully cover Applicant's invention.

Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone James C. Kesterson, Applicant's attorney, at 972-732-1001 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and request that the Examiner pass the case to issuance. In the event that the enclosed fees are insufficient, please charge any additional fees required to keep this application pending, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1065.

Respectfully submitted,

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